

REMARKS

Several dependent claims were corrected in consideration of previous and presently requested amendments.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-23, 25, and 27-40 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshida et al. (EP 0 126 397) in view of Goetz (WO 97/01610).

Independent Claim 1 and dependent claims 2-19 are directed to a pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising at least one aromatic monomer as specified in Claim 1 wherein n is 1 to 3 and R¹ is an unsubstituted straight or branched alkyl linking group of 6 to 12 carbons.

Yoshida et al. (EP 0 126 397) does not describe such aromatic monomer for the reasons already of record. Goetz (WO 97/01610) also does not describe such aromatic monomer. Since the combination of references does not teach the claim limitations, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 20 and dependent claims 21-23 and 27-37, as well independent claim 38, have been amended to recite a pressure sensitive composition comprising an aromatic monomer copolymerized with at least one acrylic monomer . . . and at least one polar monomer copolymerizable with aromatic monomer(s) and acrylic monomer(s).

Yoshida et al. does not teach this composition for the reasons already of record.

WO 97/01610 describes a light diffusing adhesive comprising a mixture of pressure-sensitive adhesive matrix filled with organic polymeric microparticles. The adhesive matrix has a different refractive index than the organic polymeric microparticles. At p. 8, lines 11-24 WO 97/01610 describes that "microparticles having a sufficiently higher index of refractive than these preferred acrylate pressure sensitive adhesive matrices can be preferably prepared from

free radically polymerizable monomers having cycloaliphatic, substituted cycloaliphatic, aromatic or substituted aromatic substituents. The homopolymers of such free radically polymerizable monomer generally have refractive indicies in the range of about 1.49 to about 1.63. Useful examples include phenoxy methacrylate Thus, WO 97/01610 teaches the addition of high refractive index organic polymeric microparticles to a pressure sensitive adhesive matrix, not the copolymerization of aromatic monomers with an acrylic monomer and polar monomer as recited in Claims 20 and 38. For this reason, withdrawal of rejection over claims

Claim 40 has been amended to recite original dependent claim 22, i.e. a pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising at least one of the aromatic monomers as specified in Claim 40 wherein Ar is naphthyl. Since, neither reference teaches such aromatic monomer, withdrawal of this rejection is also respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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